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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the  
enclosed articles and U.S. patents listed on the attached copy of  
PTO Form #1449. The paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to  
this Information Disclosure Statement.

(1) The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being  
filed within three months of the filing date or within three months  
of the entry of the national stage of the above identified  
application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believe that no fee or  
certification is required.

[ ] (1a) Applicant(s) believe the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is entitled to the benefit of 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, applicant(s) believe that no fee or certification is required.

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(d)

[ ] (2) Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) state that the issue fee has not been paid and that a certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e) is provided herein, along with the petition fee of \$130.00 required under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1).

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1)

[ ] (3) The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application mailed not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2)

[ ] (4) The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the

undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual having a duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

[ ] (5) The information disclosure fee of \$200.00 required by 37 CFR §1.17(p) is believed to be due and is enclosed herewith.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation by the undersigned as to personal knowledge of the contents of every word or phrase of the material enclosed or that reliance on other suitably trained professionals has not been made.

If a search report of a searching agency is enclosed identifying the nature of the relevance of each document, such a designation is deemed to satisfy Rule 98(a)(3) even if in a foreign language, since the few terms of relevance therein are deemed of universal cognizance. However, applicant does not necessarily adopt the position reflected by that report.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0804. Triplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Koichiro Hori

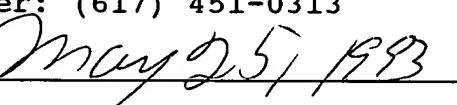
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